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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2756

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER
RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD TO RECEIVE COSTA-MACHADO
WATER ACT OF 2000 (PROPOSITION 13) GRANT FUNDING FOR
BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 4
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and sign the Resolution with the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to receive reimbursable grant funding of \$200,000 for the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Plan.
2. Approve the Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate with the SWRCB and sign the necessary contract and documentation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Ballona Creek Watershed covers a 127-square-mile area extending from the Santa Monica Mountains on the north, the Harbor Freeway (110) on the east, and the Baldwin Hills on the south. It covers large portions of the Cities of Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Los Angeles, and West Hollywood.

A grant application submitted by Public Works to the SWRCB was accepted and approved on May 18, 2001, under the Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000 (Proposition 13). The grant amount is \$200,000. The action proposed by the application is to generate a watershed management plan for the Ballona Creek Watershed that will protect and improve its environment and beneficial uses. The Resolution with the SWRCB is required as part of the application to receive grant reimbursement.

Following the submission of the grant application, Public Works initiated the Ballona Creek Watershed Task Force. The Task Force has grown to include a diverse mix of stakeholders representing the various interests in the Ballona Creek Watershed. Public Works is committed to working with the Task Force, including all the cities within the watershed to generate the Management Plan.

The Agreement provides \$200,000 to Public Works for reimbursement of expenditures incurred in preparing the Management Plan. The terms of the Agreement expire in October 2004.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This study is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence by increasing fiscal responsibility and providing service excellence through collaborative efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total cost of this study is estimated at \$274,600. The County will contribute \$74,600 from the Flood Control District. The State, through Proposition 13 funds, will contribute \$200,000. Sufficient funds to cover the District's share have been allocated from the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Flood Control District funds.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONALS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Resolution and contract have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

A finding of environmental impact is not required for this Resolution. Any project that may be proposed as a result of this action will undergo the appropriate environmental review.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no adverse impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

Please return three approved copies of this letter and three copies of the signed Resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO APPROVE A WORK PLAN AND BUDGET
PURSUANT TO THE COSTA-MACHADO WATER BOND ACT AND AUTHORIZING
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON
BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH THE STATE WATER
RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR THE BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, In March 2002, California voters approved the Costa-Machado Water Bond Act, which authorized the State of California to sell \$1.97 billion in general obligation bonds to support safe drinking, water quality, flood protection, and water reliability projects throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board approved the award of \$200,000 of Costa-Machado Water Bond Funds to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works to produce the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Plan is to propose methods and projects to protect and enhance the environment and beneficial uses of the watersheds receiving waters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, a Grant Agreement for funding from the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to the Costa-Machado Water Bond Act in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), for the creation of the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works or his designee is hereby authorized to make any amendments or change orders thereto and make payment requests on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.

The foregoing RESOLUTION was on the ____ day of _____, 2002,
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

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